

Remarks

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. The specification has been amended to further clarify the background.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 are currently amended.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,289,278 B1 to Endo et al (“Endo”). Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees, the Applicant has further clarified the claims as further detailed below.

Endo describes a vehicle position information displaying apparatus and method. Further, Endo describes a “mark 2001 indicative of the position of a preceding vehicle and a mark indicative of a peripheral vehicle other than the preceding vehicle”. *See Endo, Col. 4, Lines 56-58*. Therefore, Endo discloses monitoring position of a vehicle (e.g., through mark 2000 of FIG. 1 of Endo) as well as vehicles that are positioned around the vehicle (e.g., through marks 2001, 2002 of FIG. 1 of Endo).

Claim 1 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below) recites a navigation system comprising:

- a display;

- a processor coupled to the display;
- a vehicle position determination module coupled to the processor and configured to track position of a first vehicle and to update vehicle position information as the first vehicle moves; and
- a destination module coupled to the processor and configured to determine a desired destination for the first vehicle, wherein the processor is configured to accept information from the position determination module and the destination module and to derive maneuvering instructions therefrom, wherein the display is configured to adapt the maneuvering instructions to provide an image of a ghost vehicle and to adapt the image of the ghost vehicle to instruct a driver of the first vehicle in accordance with the maneuvering instructions ***such that the ghost vehicle is displayed as executing a maneuver to be executed by the first vehicle at another location that has not yet been reached by the first vehicle.***

Claim 8 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below) recites a process for providing navigation information comprising:

- deriving a destination for a first vehicle;
- determining a present location of the first vehicle;
- computing maneuvering information from the destination and present location; and
- adapting an image of a ghost vehicle in conformance with the maneuvering information ***such that the ghost vehicle is displayed as executing a maneuver to be executed by the first vehicle at another location that has not yet been reached by the first vehicle.***

Claim 15 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below) recites an apparatus comprising:

- geolocation processor means for coordinating destination data with current positional data;
- display means for displaying a ghost vehicle to a driver of a first vehicle; and
- computation means coupled to the geolocation processor means and the display means, the computation means for providing signals derived at least in part from the geolocation means to the display means to effectuate modification of the display of the ghost vehicle in conformance with the current positional data as the current positional data change responsive to movement of the first vehicle ***such that the ghost vehicle is displayed via the display means as executing a maneuver to be executed by the first***

vehicle at another location that has not yet been reached by the first vehicle.

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings, an example of which may be found in paragraph [0020] of the subject application. As described above, Endo is limited to showing a current position of a current vehicle and the vehicles that are positioned around that vehicle and does not disclose a ghost vehicle that is displayed as executing a maneuver to be executed by the first vehicle at another location that has not yet been reached by the first vehicle. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection with respect to claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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